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INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
FOR THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN
THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS
DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION,
PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA
Organizational session
26-29 January 1993
Agenda item 4

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The organizational session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, was held in New York from 26 to 29 January 1993. The meeting was convened in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992 entitled "Establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating committee for the elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and desertification, particularly in Africa".

B. Election of officers

2. The Bureau of the Committee, as elected at its 1st and ___ meetings, on 26 and __ January, was as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Bo Kjellén (Sweden)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. René Valéry Mongbe (Benin)
Mr. T. P. Sreenivasan (India)
Mr. José Urrutia (Peru)

Rapporteur: (to be elected)

C. Adoption of the agenda

3. At its 1st meeting, on 26 January 1993, the Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Election of the Bureau
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. Adoption of the provisional agenda for the first substantive session
4. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its organizational session.

D. Attendance

4. Representatives of the following States attended the session:

(to be included)

5. The following United Nations organs and bodies were represented:

(to be included)

6. The following specialized agencies were represented:

(to be included)

7. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

(to be included)

8. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were represented:

(to be included)

E. Documentation

9. The documents before the Committee at its organizational session are listed in annex __ to the present report (annex to be included).

II. TRUST FUND AND SPECIAL VOLUNTARY FUND

10. At its 4th meeting, on 28 January, the Committee held a discussion on the Trust Fund and the Special Voluntary Fund. During the discussion on this item, many Member States announced their voluntary contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund for the participation of developing countries, as well as to the Trust Fund for preparatory activities. Those Member States that were not in a position to announce their contributions indicated their intention to do so as soon as their internal procedures would permit.

11. The Chairman urged Member States to do their best to contribute to these two Funds in a timely fashion so as to enable the Secretary-General to discharge his responsibilities efficiently, particularly with regard to the participation of developing countries, as well as the preparatory activities of the Secretariat.

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SESSION

12. The Committee considered the provisional agenda for its first substantive session at its 4th and 5th meetings, on 28 and 29 January.

13. At the 5th meeting, on 29 January, the Committee approved the draft provisional agenda for its first substantive session, as contained in document A/AC.241/L.2/Rev.1 (see annex __ (to be included)).

IV. ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE

Rules of procedure

14. At its 4th meeting, on 28 January, the Committee adopted its rules of procedure, as contained in document A/AC.241/2 and amended in document A/AC.241/L.3. (The rules of procedure, as adopted, were subsequently issued in document A/AC.241/3.)

Subsidiary organs

15. At its 4th meeting, on 28 January, the Committee decided to establish two working groups to assist in its work.

16. At its 5th meeting, on 29 January, the Committee elected the following officers of the working groups:

(to be completed)

Schedule of meetings for future sessions

17. At its 4th meeting, on 28 January, the Committee decided on the following schedule of meetings for its future sessions:

(a) Sessions to be held during 1993

24 May-3 June 1993 (Nairobi)
13-24 September 1993 (Geneva)

(b) Sessions to be held in 1994

17-28 January 1994 (New York)
21-31 March 1994 (Geneva)
Early June 1994 (Paris)